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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

This Amendment and accompanying Remarks are filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 in response to the Office Action mailed by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on March 22, 2005. It is believed that this Amendment is timely filed on or before July 22, 2005 with a one-month extension of time. Notwithstanding, should this Paper not be considered timely filed, Applicants hereby request a retroactive extension of time to file for the number of months required to maintain pendency of the Application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.